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By robbing Peter he paid Paul, and hoped to catch larks if even the heavens should fall.
Babelin.

THE FACTS ABOUT QUARANTINE HERE

The Star-Bulletin gives considerable space to-day to a complaint signed by two passengers of the steamship Makana who were placed in federal quarantine last week because of the suspected presence of plague aboard the vessel. Specific charges of neglect are made which require thorough investigation.

This paper does not presume to say at this time whether or not the charges are true. They will be made, however, not only here but on the mainland, and it is to the interest of this city to see that those accused of intentional neglect are either exonerated or proved negligent and future instances of the kind made impossible. There is no doubt that the authorities were taken by surprise when the quarantine was ordered, and that the station was not ready to receive the passengers. Is this something that could have been avoided? Are the passengers decently looked after by the Japanese contracting who feeds them? Is the station sanitary?

The complainant is anxious enough to require no answer.

QUESTIONS FOR MR. WILSON

Great questions confront the next president of the United States, declares former Senator Hunsaker, of North Dakota. He calls out the trusts, the tariff, monetary reform, foreign questions—matters of international prestige—constitutional changes, sociology and nationalism as the vital factors that must be decided in the next four years.

Issues of discussion on the trusts, tariff, monetary reform and conservation have fairly interested the citizens of the country with their answers. The foreign questions, constitutional changes and sociology, the senator says;

Wilson who has had legislative experience and responded to the direct authorizations of the people to discuss the issues in advance the election, has maintained that it is his duty to speak on these subjects. The new administration has not yet come into office, and it will be some time before the issues are fully known, with the exception of the tariff, which is being a money question of state.

For the election of Wilson or other national events, the senator's article appears below in the political column, while the news about the new administration is to be continued. It goes without saying, however, that with a foreign war on our hands every question of this becomes insignificant if not irrelevant.

It depends on various difficulties for the new president to work with in respect to the Panama canal. First, it is understood that his earliest publication will be the news that Mr. Taft is dead and Mr. Wilson somewhat advanced in so far as to extreme test as the election in Mexico.

As for Cuba and the Philippines, the country's policy is to make war understand and quite generally accepted as the only one to be pursued under all the circumstances.

The latter questions are so closely allied with the former that they cannot well be considered separately. We are making slow headway in unifying the human comfort of all our citizens. At the same time our leaders have the attracted quality been more pronounced than it is now. At no time have we been less inclined to progress along rational lines.

Ours is a country of enduring progress rather than of economic extortions. If now and then they overlap themselves they react injuriously only upon themselves, whom they are employed, and the nation at large receives the benefits. The new administration, in its several provinces, will take account of this, and we shall continue to progress.

Our legislative bodies will grow wiser and better and more efficient and cleaner. And after a while, when our statesmen and judges shall come to realize, as they must, that ambitious politicians have influence upon the country, a strange assortment of election dayies—the frequent primary, the referendum, the recall and the re-recall—and that the people, the masses, have grown weary of importance of being dragged to the polls on all conceivable occasions, save the popular settlement of dog fights, the tide will turn.

The danger then will be that the pendulum will swing too far the other way, and that we shall lose some of the good that otherwise would have been gained. But these are matters for the several states to decide, and the next president will be so busily engaged in settling the trust question and dealing with the other national problems that he may one look on and hope and pray for the dawn of real reform in our election system—the adoption, perhaps, of the short ballot, a limitation in the number of offices calling citizens to the ballot box, to the detriment and disgrace of the vast electorate.

NOW SOCIALISM FAILS IN PRACTICE

Socialist candidates polled a few votes at the election last Tuesday and feel greatly comforted thereby, arguing that two years from now there will be many more here of their way of thinking again.

LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

MINERALS IN HAWAII.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
Sir—So many old-timers say that there are no minerals or iron in the soil here, will you please state in your paper whether this is a fact or not. If there is no iron in the soil, what makes Kaimuki dirt so red, then?

Yours with thanks,
Honolulu, November 6, 1912.

(Dr. Maxwell, formerly director of the planters' experiment station, was [iron].)

PERSONALITIES

MRS. WILLIAM E. DARGIE, who has been in Honolulu for several months, returned during the week, but will leave soon on another trip.—Examiner.

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formed, and what was its numerical strength, Mr. Roe replied:

"This is an industrial union. We are simply organizing the workingmen industrially. It differs from the craft unions, because they organize the workingmen in different crafts—bricklayers, masons, carpenters, machinists, etc. They all have a sacred contract that they are supposed to respect. We say that the workers of the world have got to organize in one big union to stand together and quit fighting among themselves."

"I know nothing about that at all," Mr. Roe said in answer to a question about the alleged attack on Mr. Shebe and his paper. "We are there to get the plantation labor, though I saw what was said this morning, but that came up before we came here. I don't know anything about it at all. I believe there was a strike of Japanese here."

"Our principles are strictly the same as those of the socialist party, except that while they propose to emancipate labor by the ballot, we propose to do it by organizing the working class at the point of production—in the shop. The Socialists admit that the working classes are ruled at the point of production; so we say the place to work is at the point of production."

"Another point is, we are called communists. There may be some in the organization who are professed anarchists, but we have never advocated violence."

"We had a meeting at Asia Park last night. We met in the park but did not use the band stand, as our members to the Mayor and some of the important persons, particularly to the Mayor, said, 'If you want to have a meeting, go to the hall.' So we took the chance of meeting in the open air. We had a pretty nice meeting, but would have had a better crowd if the hall game had not finished so late."

"You have heard of the trouble we have had elsewhere in holding meetings in the open. The only thing we ask is the privilege to hold meetings in the street or in parks, to ask the working classes to organize. The Salvation Army and other organizations are allowed these privileges. Of course the captains will try to prevent us from exercising the right of free speech. Our object is to better the condition of the working classes, and we intend to hold street meetings."

In the course of a general conversation the question was asked if the organization would not hesitate to declare a strike in the case of a comparatively weak industrial establishment that was engaged in a life and death struggle with a trust.

"No," said one of the leader's associates. "It would make no difference. We would simply compel the owner to put on overalls and go into the shop and earn his living with the other workers."

Another sentiment expressed was: "There can be no such thing as a standard wage. The only standard of wages is what the capitalist can be compelled to pay."

Mr. Shebe is quoted by the Advertiser as saying:

"They are going back four years in an effort to find something upon which to assail me. At the time of and during the strike I stood by the planters, because I believed the strike was not justified. I lost quite a bit of money during that period and, when the strike was over the planters made good the deficit. I have never denied it, but that doesn't mean that I was bought."

"I think I know what the plans of my opponents are as well as they know themselves, and when the opportune time arrives I shall have much to say. They can't get me out of the way."

KEAWEHAKU HAS AMBITION.

The candidacy of Mr. G. K. Keawehaku for registrar of public conveyances is one of the recent announcements from Democratic headquarters. Mr. Keawehaku has for many years been the treasurer for L. L. McCandless and in addition was this year a candidate for Representative from the Fourth District.

Crooline was the substance contained in a bottle that Elsie Kanuihan is alleged to have drunk in an attempt to take her life yesterday. The woman has hastily conveyed to Queen's Hospital, where, under treatment, she soon rallied. The woman refused to give any reason for the rash act.

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